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SUBJECT: NTC CONTACT WITH JOHNSON PRODUCTS

1. GAMBIA NATIONAL TRADING CO. (NTC) MANAGING DIRECTOR
H.B. SEMEGA-JANNEH SENT LETTER FEB 7, 1977 TO ALLAN N.
SYM-SMITH, VP JOHNSON PRODUCTS, 8522 S. LAFAYETTE AVE, CHICAGO,
ILL., 60620 REQUESTING LOCAL DISTRIBUTORSHIP FOR JOHNSON
PRODUCTS. NTC HAD ATTEMPTED ARRANGE DISTRIBUTORSHIP WITH
JOHNSON IN 1975, BUT AGREEMENT NEVER FINALIZED. RE-NEWED
CONTACT STARTED BY M.B. N'DIAYE, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT ON
LEADER GRANT TO US IN NOVEMBER 1976, WHO IS ALSO BOARD CHAIRMAN NTC.

2. NTC IS GOVERNMENT-OWNED PUBLIC COMPANY ENGAGED IN MAJOR IMPORTING OF CONSUMER ITEMS. COMPANY COMPETES WITH TRADITIONAL FOREIGN-OWNED AND MANAGED TRADING CONCERNS WHICH BEGAN LONG GAMBIAN INVOLVEMENT DURING COLONIAL PERIOD. NTC HAS SEVERAL UP-RIVER OUTLETS, AND PLANS TO OPEN MORE. IN SHORT, NTC REPRESENTS SERIOUS GOTG COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE BETTER AND MORE ECONOMICAL SERVICE FOR NATIONAL CONSUMER MARKET. UNCLASSIFIED

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3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE USDOC COULD PROVIDE IN FACILITATING NTC-JOHNSON CONTACT. BOTH JANNEH AND N'DIAYE HAVE REQUESTED THAT CHARGE INTERVENE AS APPROPRIATE. WYGANT

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